

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: OKADA, et al.) Confirmation No: 3646
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Application No.: 10/581,430) Group Art Unit: 2892
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For: BONDING METHOD, DEVICE PRODUCED BY THIS METHOD, AND BONDING DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Species Requirement mailed January 30, 2008, the period for response to which is set to expire February 29, 2008 has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Applicants hereby elect Group I, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1 through 18, drawn to a bonding method comprises anodic bonding.

Group II: Claims 19 through 35, drawn to a bonding device (apparatus) comprises anodic bonding means that a voltage applying means and a heating means.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, with traverse, i.e. claims 1 through 18, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the subject matter covered by the remaining group. The inventor for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventor of record in the application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 through 18 currently elected in the present application are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited thereon.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Ajay A. Jagtiani at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account 10-0233-YANE-0002-UT1**.

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